

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 3-9, 11, 13, 15-108, 110, 119, 113-117, and 128-132 are cancelled. Claims 1-2, 10, 12, 14, 109, 111-112, and 118-127 remain in this application and, as amended herein, are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted with the present Amendment.

Applicants express appreciation to the Examiner for the telephone interview held on March 4, 2009 during which the rejections set forth in the present Office Action were discussed.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to. Applicants submit that the claims as amended herein overcome this objection.

Claims 1-2, 10, 12, 14, 109, 111-112, and 118-127 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicants submit that claims 1-2, 10, 12, 14, 109, 111-112, and 118-127 are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for the reasons set forth during the March 4, 2009 telephone interview. (See Interview Summary mailed March 9, 2009, Continuation Sheet.)

Turning now to the art rejection, claims 1-2, 10, 12, 14, 109, 111-112, and 118-127 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnan (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,124) in view of Shinn (U.S. Patent No. 6,655,585) and further in view of Pare (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,348). Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended in the manner set forth by Examiner Calvin L. Hewitt in his January 25, 2008 email to Applicants' attorney in which such amended claim was proposed for an Examiner's Amendment. No new matter has been added by these changes. Applicants therefore submit that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Independent claims 111 and 123 have each been amended in a manner similar to claim 1. Therefore, claims 111 and 123 are likewise in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 10, 12, 14 and 109 depend from claim 1, and claims 112 and 118-122 depend from claim 111, and claims 124-127 depend from claim 123. Therefore, each of these claims is in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as its parent claim.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's objection and the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 103(a) and 112, first paragraph.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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